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STATEMENT BY

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ON

**AGENDA ITEM 3 (a) (i): IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES AND
ACTION IN CRITICAL AREAS OF CONCERN AND FURTHER ACTIONS AND
INITIATIVES: FINANCING FOR GENDER EQUALITY AND THE EMPOWERMENT OF
WOMEN**

OF THE FIFTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE

and projects involving: a gender responsive budget; capacity building on gender mainstreaming; and an Action Plan entitled, "Towards Achieving 30% Participation of Women at Decision Making Levels in Malaysia".

Violence Against Women

6. I wish to express Malaysia's support to the Secretary-General's campaign to end

12. The national machinery for the advancement of women was further strengthened with the establishment of the Cabinet Committee on Gender Equality headed by the Prime Minister. In order to incorporate gender perspectives in the formulation and

public at large regarding the gender responsive budget.

20. Though challenges remain towards full implementation of the gender responsive budget initiative, our experience has shown us that cooperation and collaboration with the Ministry of Finance is important as an impetus to mobilize organizations to implement a gender responsive budget, and to increase the capacity and interest within the organisation on gender, policy and macro-economic issues.

Gender Disaggregated Data

21. Monitoring progress and setting benchmarks are essential steps in order for us to ensure the effectiveness of all our initiatives and the progressive realization of our goals. Towards this end, Malaysia has established the Gender Disaggregated Information System (GDIS) to ensure systematic collection and compilation of gender-disaggregated data. The GDIS provides data for gender analysis and planning and it is used as a tool to develop gender responsive policies, strategies and programmes.

22. In implementing the GDIS, it is clear that efforts are needed for systematic and

Women and Health

26. Women in Malaysia continue to benefit from improvements in health care services. Female life expectancy at birth has improved to 76.3 years compared with 71.8 years for males. Maternal mortality rate also remains low at 0.3 per 1,000 live births. This is due to improved prenatal and postnatal health care, as well as access to health and utilities

education.

27. In view of the fact that women, especially young women, are in the high-risk category in terms of their vulnerability to HIV/AIDS, greater emphasis is given towards providing information on HIV/AIDS awareness and education. The Government has also

32. Malaysia believes that the sharing of experiences, practices and expertise is essential for the strengthening of the enabling environment and the acceleration of the success of our efforts. During our Chairmanship of the Non-Aligned Movement, we had

hosted a Ministerial Meeting on the Empowerment of Women in the Era of Globalization, where Malaysia's proposal for the setting up of an Institute for the Empowerment of